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SUBJECT The CIA And Howard University

GORDON PETERSON: Students at Howard University have learned that the CIA is recruiting prospective employees from among the student body, and many students don't like it.

Eyewitness News correspondent Bruce Johnson has that story.

BRUCE JOHNSON: This month Howard's campus newspaper, the Hilltop, disclosed to the student body that the CIA had been linked to Howard's co-op education programs, that placement officers for the CIA are working on campus trying to recruit Howard graduates. Many students and alumni are upset.

ERNEST DICKENSON: The CIA? I'm not really in favor of it at all.

JOHNSON: Why not?

DICKENSON: Because of the CIA's past track -- its past track record in trying to influence countries all over the world, pretty much like imposing its will on the countries all over the world, especially Third World nations.

JOHNSON: We checked out the Hilltop's story. There are no CIA employees working on Howard's campus. That according to Howard administrators. But the CIA is interested in recruiting Howard graduates.

SAM HALL: Their contacts here have been very limited, but, yes, they have contacted our office. And we, in our office, will refer to them individuals that we think are suited for that type of work.